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During March 1954 SKF-Poelzl and Company, of Vienna, Austria, offered 1,350 steel bearings #32216 for sale . These were the remainder of a total of 15,000 bearings ordered from the Poelzl firm by the Polish Government. All but the 1,350 bearings had been delivered when the Austrians stopped further action because of the poor payment situation vis-a-vis the Polish Government.

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Comment. These bearings, which are 80 millimeters in diameter, are most commonly used in the manufacture of tanks. The original order of 15,000 is a very large one.

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